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NO CAUSE FOR ALARM

Timid people should not lose sleep over the report that 15,000,000 Europeans are clamoring for immediate transportation to the United States, and that at any moment they may descend in an appalling flood of immigration upon this country. It is just as well to remember that in the present crippled condition of steamship service it is some job to handle a million people, much less fifteen millions. It took the American Government a year and a half, even with assistance from Great Britain, to send 2,000,000 soldiers to France, and the feat is rightly regarded as one of the marvels of the world. If there are 15,000,000 unfortunates in Europe who want to come to this highly favored land—and it is probable that the number is grossly exaggerated—their arrival will necessarily be scattered over many years. This is no reason, of course, why proper measures should not be taken to check any undue immigration, and to bar out undesirables entirely.

OPEN COMPACTS

Much ridicule has been flung at the President for his point of "open compact" arrived at, but the point is gradually perforating European diplomatic habits. Sweden has filed with the League of Nations two agreements made with the United States. Every act of this sort is a nail in the coffin of the old diplomacy, which was the synonym for secrecy and deception. The publicity of treaties is of itself a considerable step in the direction of permanent peace. If the agreements of the Triple Alliance and the Triple Entente had been published in 1914 the danger of an armed conflict would have been measurably decreased. The agreements being secret, each group was afraid of the other.

MRS. M'SWINEY GREETED BY CHEERING WOMEN

New York, Dec. 4.—Mrs. Terrence MacSwiney, widow of the Lord Mayor of Cork who died of starvation in a British jail, arrived in New York harbor on the liner Celtic yesterday evening, but she and the other passengers were obliged to remain aboard all night because when the big White Star vessel dropped anchor it was too late for the customs or immigration authorities to make the usual examinations.

This caused a postponement of the monster greeting which had been planned and the formal greeting, the procession and other ceremonies intended for today will be held tomorrow.

But down off quarantine, in the dusk which hovered atop the chill waters, there was a greeting to Mrs. MacSwiney—and a controversial answer to it by loyal Britishers—that was about as lively as any one would care to behold and listen to.

15 Years for Mail Car Thief

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 4.—Keith Collins, one of the principals in the \$5,000,000 Burlington mail car robbery at Council Bluffs recently, yesterday pleaded guilty before Federal Judge Martin J. Wade here. He was sentenced to 15 years.

SUCCESSFUL AFFAIR BY COMMERCE BODY

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At the conclusion of the speaking, which took place in the auditorium, the members and their friends repaired to the club room where a delightful buffet supper was served. The serving was in charge of a committee of young ladies.

The former presidents were, then given a reception and the occasion was enlivened by music furnished by Smith's orchestra. The club rooms were tastefully decorated with palms and ferns.

The gathering was called to order by President Williams at 8:30 o'clock who explained that the purpose of the meeting was to pay honor to the former presidents of the chamber of commerce, presided and introduced the speakers.

and also for the purpose of "getting better acquainted." Mr. Williams said we are fortunate in having retained a great deal of the so called war prosperity. The speaker alluded to the fact that just now we are in the progress of readjustments and we must strengthen the business interests and get notice to the outside world of Alexandria's business advantages.

All of the presidents since the organization he said were present save one, the late John T. Johnson and as a tribute to his memory the audience stood for a minute.

Representative Wingo in an able and eloquent address sounded a note of optimism. The first of the year he said was rapidly approaching and he thought it a good idea to take stock and for the merchants to map out their plans for the future.

Mr. Wingo in part said that for over four years fifty-seven million people were engaged in destroying products and while so engaged were not producing. The result was ten million dead and five million wounded and maimed.

In studying the economic conditions it is remarkable that conditions are as good as they are. There is no need for worry. We face the future with all of the raw material necessary. The depression in the cotton, corn and wheat belts was given by the speaker.

Continuing he said it is the natural consequence to know and we expected it and we are going to get through with it. The Federal Reserve Board is partly responsible. They fell into the trap they endeavored to avoid. Thrift and toil and not government aid will bring prosperity.

The speaker said he thanked God that the era of the silk shirt is a thing of the past. He praised Carter Glass for writing the Federal

Reserve act. This act he asserted is the greatest piece of legislation since the foundation of the country and he predicted that we will profit by existing conditions and never let occur what is happening just now.

The speaker urged all to get behind President-elect Harding and do their utmost to make this administration a success, although he said he was a life long democrat.

A greater prosperity was predicted by Representative Wingo if all put their shoulders to the wheel and work. All should think and bet on America's future and they would bring and have better business and the country will have the greatest prosperity it ever has had he said.

Representative Moore said it is our duty now to bend our efforts to make the affairs of the country a success. There is nothing more helpful than the spirit of service both individually and collectively.

He declared the chamber of commerce to be a flourishing trade body that is doing good. The speaker said he was an optimist.

Representative Moore delved in to some history of the former trade bodies in Alexandria. The first he said was organized fifty-two years ago with George T. Worthington as president.

The speaker said there is no city with a brighter future than Alexandria with its fine harbor and railroad facilities and he predicted a good system of highways leading to the city, especially with the completion of the Lee Highway to the Valley of Virginia and one is to be built in Maryland which will result in the establishment of a ferry service to the Maryland side which years ago was operated under the name of Ex's ferry.

Mr. Moore said the work in improving the old Alexandria-Washington turnpike beside the steam

railroad tracks will be started shortly and this work will be aided by the federal government to the extent of \$100,000.

Concluding his remarks Representative Moore said he is with the chamber of commerce heart and soul and will do anything he can for Alexandria or her citizens in order to promote the welfare of the city. Both speakers were congratulated on their splendid addresses.

The former presidents who have headed this organization are as follows:

W. A. Smoot, Jr., November 1, 1906 to January 15, 1909.

John T. Johnson, January 15, 1909 to January 9, 1911.

A. D. Brackett, January 9, 1911 to December 11, 1911.

Robert S. Jones, January 8, 1912, to January 13, 1913.

Carroll Pierce, January 13, 1913, to January 11, 1915.

J. M. Duncan January 11, 1915 to January 10, 1916.

John W. May, January 10, 1916 to January 14, 1918.

Robert L. Payne, January 14, 1918, to March 18, 1919.

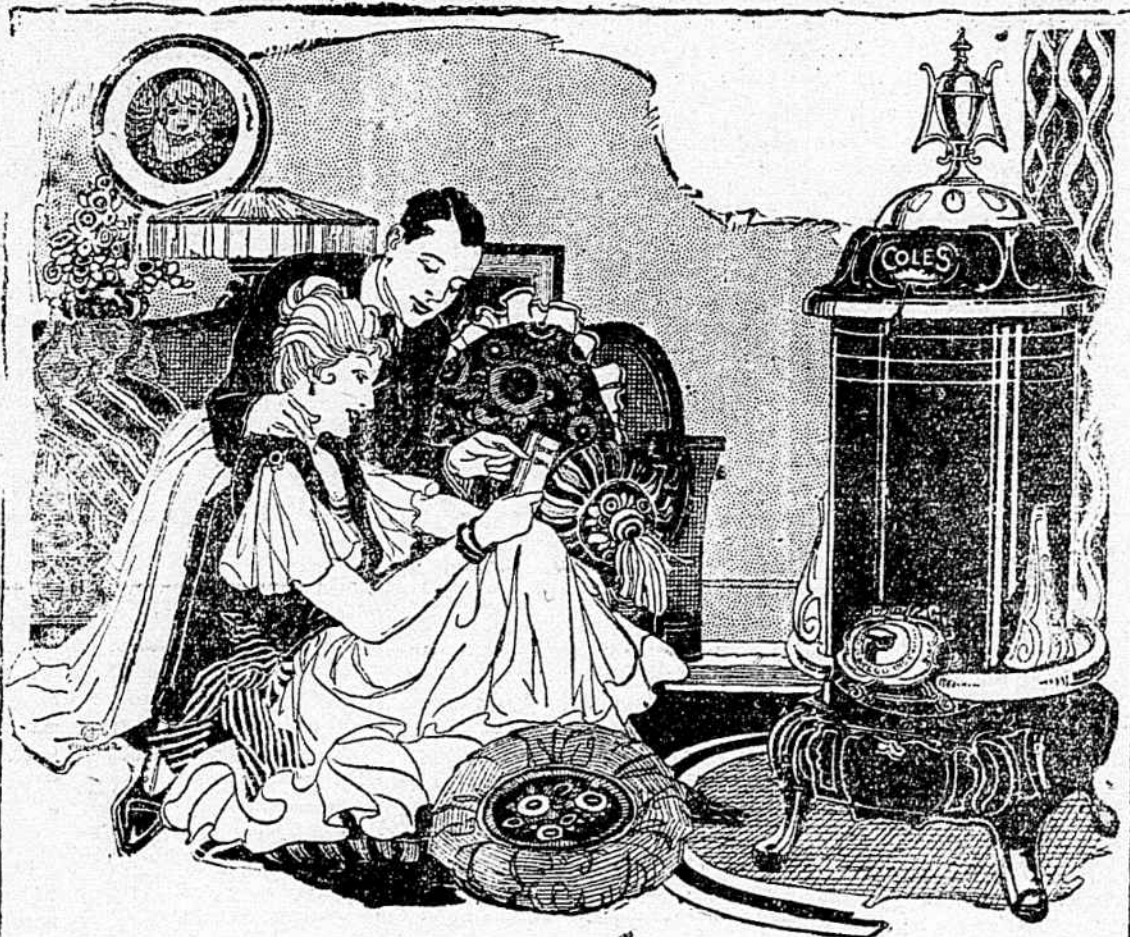
Carroll Pierce, March 18, 1919 to March 16, 1920.

J. Y. Williams, March 16, 1920, to The Present Time.

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December 5th—"From Joppa to Jerusalem"

December 12th—"A Trip Around the Outside of the Walls of Jerusalem."

December 19th—"Places of Interest Inside the Walls of Jerusalem."

December 26th—"The Shepherds and the Wise Men."

Dr. Martin is a speaker of national reputation. During the war extract from his sermons and addresses were published by newspapers throughout the United States. You are cordially invited to attend these talks for which no charge will be made.

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